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LBJ Is Making a List Of Likely Scapegoats In Dominican Impasse

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WASHINGTON, May 22-Presidential advisers ar now looking for scapegoats to blame for the Dominical Republic mess. The fact that such a hunt is on is su ficient proof that the administration realizes the whole next the whipping boy are really military intervention operation has been badly mist after Mr. Mann. The latter is: military intervention operation has been badly mis handled in its follow-through phases.

The effort to pin the blame Bissell Jr., and the then chai elsewhere than on President man of the Joint Chiefs of Staf Johnson has started with a rush in the last 24 hours. The first Kennedy at that time accepted

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White House doghouse have been U. S. Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett Jr.; the new CIA; chief, Admiral William F. Ra born Jr., and Undersecretary of State Thomas C. Mann.

Long List Possible

It does not matter whether any of these three are actually culpable. There has to be a scapegoat list, even if, as at present, it is passed along sur-

reptitiously by officials whose tips usually re-flect the White House line.

Because the errors in judgment or misinterpretation of the Administration's program for bringing orof der out



involve Mr. Bennett chaos, diplomatic, military and intelligence agencies, the list of scapegoats could be pretty long.

tensive than the roll of wrong tagon have consistently cast privately has no relation to the guessers and blundering operations on the value of CA tives in John F. Kennedy's Bayi "evaluations." of Pigs fiasco in 1961.

Comparatively innocent high officials had to take the rap under Mr. Kennedy in 1961, such as the then CIA head Allen mainly because he has been con-were in strictly a neutral posture is in sight.

Dulles his deputy Richard M.

Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer. But M proposed candidates for the the whole blame himself. To date the White House has shown no similar inclination.

Digs Aimed at CIA

Instead, Ambassador Be nett is being blamed on variou have vague counts: that he failed

have the rig contacts in t Dominican R public, that h overemph sized the da ger to Amer lives in urgin the President rush marines in April 28.



But the digs at Admiral F born are basically aimed at the

Mann's Views Respected

Undersecretary of State Main

strumental than any other adwiser in the President's | decision to act at once. On hemispheric affairs his views have consistently carried great weight with LB1.

The inside administration intrigue in this scapegoat hunt has odd aspects. Some of those trying to make Ambassador Benconsidered responsible for Mr. Bennett's being in Santo Do-mingo in the first place.

There is an almost hysterical effort by those in the possible, line of Presidential fire to pass the buck to other agencies and individuals.

Bundy Is Blamed

For example, certain high intelligence officials have the knife out for McGeorge Bundy, White

House national security adviser. Mr. Bundy is blamed for the White House decision to send a special mission on a desperation basis to Santo Domingo last

Mr. Bundy sion sought unsuccessfully to comments from our paratroop

Juan Bosch. Mr. Guzman's left-wing status least on certain days of the week was such as to have made him suspect, but it is held in intelligence circles here that the

this evaluation of Mr. Guzman. present messed-up situation, false notes have been struck here. What leaks out of the State Certainly it could be more ex- The State Department and Pen Department, Pentagon or CIA White House level.

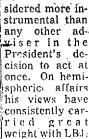
Short Stay Envisaged

is caught in the scapegoat hunt formally Friday that our troops tion, and no immediate solution

The aim was to end the fighting. This misform a coalition government ers and marines themselves, in dicates our military is being close friend of the coal friend of the close friend of exiled President the Bundy mission has been Juan Bosch.

The buckpassing, the lack official candor and all the back Bundy mission refused to accept biting going on here suggest on one thing. The President ha found himself boxed in and On almost every aspect of the trying desperately to find a wa out. What basically went wrong

There is no argument about that. Mr. Johnson was led t believe that once we put, ou troops ashore the whole mes could be cleared up in a fev days with a temporary coalitio government operating to stabi hort Stay Envisaged , ize the country. Instead, this in The White House again insisted the fourth week of our interver





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